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- 1. On 14 August 1948 source reported that pamphlets printed by
 Munir Rayyis and Mumtaz Rakabi of al-Barada press in Damascus, Syria,
 were being smuggled into the al-Nadwa al-Adabia Club in Amman. These
 pamphlets bore the signatures of the following prominent Lebanese

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 Communists: Farajallah Hilu. Artin Madoyan, Dr. Ra'if Khuri, and
 Hanna Zarkalian. Comment. Reference probably is to Mana Zarka, Lebanese Communist.)
 - 2. 'Abd-al-Rahman Kurdi gave a pro-communist lecture on 31 August at the al-Nadwa al-Adabia Club. His topic was "The National Movement in Malaya." At the lecture Kurdi allegedly:
 - a. stated that the present communist movement in Malaya was a national movement supported by all the Malayan people.
 - b. praised the Malayan movement and all similar eastern movements whose aim is to throw off the British yoke;
 - of the Palestine Police and presently a member of the Malayan Police, stating that the British were dispatching their severest men to fight the Malayan people and to stamp out its national movement;
 - d. displayed pictures of Malayan Communists taking part in the fighting.

Kurdi is carrying on communist propaganda among his people, the Kurds according to source, who states that Kurdi is 26 years old, is eleven well dressed, and a generous spender.

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3. On the afternoon of 11 September 1948 Ahmad Hindawi, a young Transjordanian, reportedly gave a lecture to some three hundred young men at al-Nadwa al-Adabia Club on the topic "Our New National Aims." His speech is said to have included the following:

An expose of the influence of reactionaries in

- b. An explanation of activities being carried on to counter Anglo-American colonization in the Middle East.
- e. A plea for the Arabs to orient themselves toward the east and to cement friendship with the Soviet Union.

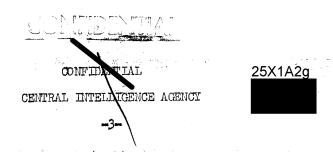
Source states that Hindawi is a well-educated young man of 28 years, who is a member of al-Nadwa al-Adabia Club.

- 4. A new society, the Organization of Employees of Commercial Establishments (Naqabhat Mustahdimi al-Mu'assasat al-Tujariyat), gave a tea, celebrating its formation, at the Transjordan Sports Club on 24 September. All members of the new groups Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee of the Transjordan Sports (1997), and Sulayman Hadidi, Communist lawyer, attended the tea. The Executive Committee of the new organization includes the following: Khalil Bitar, Secretary; Tawfiq Awamrim, Assistant Secretary; Majdi 'Abd-al-Hadi, Treasurer; Zaki Murad, Assistant Treasurer; Dr. 'Abd-al-Rahman Shayr, Medical Advisor; Ahmad Tabba', Muhammad 'Ali Hatu'a, and Hamdi Tawfiq, members.
- 5. After an introductory speech by Khalil Bitar, Dr. 'Abd-al-Rahman Shayr gave a speech on "the national awakening" of laborers in the various Arab countries. Shayr's speech was characterized by source as "excessive." Source states that the Organization of Employees of Commercial Establishments is a communist front organization, and that Shayr is a prominent Communist, a member of the Syrian Communist Party who was at one time exiled to Syria from Transjordan for his communist activities.
- 6. On 25 September Dr. Khalil Bitar gave a speech to a large audience of young men in Amman. He allegedly:
 - a. traced the history of the labor movement in the world and in the Soviet Union;
 - asked laborers to contribute funds to the secretary of the labor party (possibly the Organization of Employees of Commercial Establishments);
 - c. enumerated the rights which laborers have won until the present time;
 - d. spoke about certain activities of the Soviet Union and the colonies (sic) which it has established;

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described the position of the laborer in Transjordan and in its state industries.

Bitar's speech is said greatly to have influenced his audience.

7. Dr. Munif Razzaz, Communist, was scheduled to give a lecture at al-Nadwa al-Adabia Club on 29 September.